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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 1638**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Pierre CAROL et al.

Group Art Unit: 1638

Application No.: 09/807,867

Examiner: R. Kallis

Filed: June 15, 2001

Docket No.: 109326

For: cDNA SEQUENCE TRANSCRIBING AN mRNA ENCODING THE TERMINAL  
OXIDASE ASSOCIATED WITH CAROTENOID BIOSYNTHESIS, AND USES  
THEREOF

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the December 17, 2003, Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims; and

**Remarks.**